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Jack P. Broadbent
EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO

December 14, 2004

Dear Air Quality Stakeholder:

The Bay Area Air District has initiated a Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program to study and reduce health risks associated with toxic air pollution in the Bay Area. The program will evaluate a variety of toxic air pollutants with an emphasis on diesel particulate matter (PM). The major technical components of the program will include:

- Producing a "gridded" emissions inventory for diesel PM and other air toxins for the Bay Area represented in emissions per square mile,
- Establishing additional air monitoring in areas with the highest emissions to determine the relative contribution of vehicles, industrial emissions and/or wood burning to ambient PM levels and
- A pilot cumulative risk assessment for a selected community.

The results of the technical analysis will be used to focus on reducing toxics in those areas identified as having the highest health risks by using incentives, grant programs and regulatory controls. The technical portion of the program is expected to last for two to three years.

As part of the process, an Advisory Committee of stakeholders from community and environmental groups, academia, industry and technical firms is being formed to provide input to District staff throughout the term of the project. We are in the process of contacting stakeholders who have given input to the District in the past to ascertain interest in serving on the Advisory Committee.

Please advise Janet Stromberg, Supervising Air Quality Engineer of the Engineering Division, if you are interested in participating by Friday, January 7, 2005. Janet can be reached at jstromberg@baaqmd.gov or by phone at (415) 749-4716. For further information on the CARE program, visit the District's web site at www.baaqmd.gov and follow the link labeled "Programs."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer/APCO